

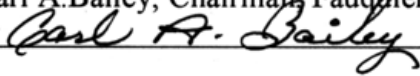
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# FAUQUIER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Fauquier County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Carl A. Bailey, Chairman, Fauquier County Parks and Recreation Board  


**DATE:** September 6, 2002

**RE:** Lighting Ordinance Recommendations

During the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on September 4, 2002 a Board of Supervisor agenda item regarding a proposed amendment to the ordinance regarding outdoor recreational lighting was discussed.

As a result of that discussion the Board asked that the following be submitted as its comments on the proposed amendment:

1. The Board would prefer that operational hours for parks continue to be established and governed by the current public parks ordinance.
2. The Board would prefer that specific standards be established for outdoor recreational lighting be established to guide design. The proposed amendment seems to offer partial criteria but then requires a lighting plan that will be evaluated by unknown criteria. The lack of clarity and direction could create problems for both applicants and the County if trying to institute criteria after the fact.

If the application will be judged solely by the following criteria:

1. Lights shall have full light cutoff;
2. will be confined within the primary playing area for safe play for planned athletic events (there are national standards for each category field/sport lighting);
3. direct illumination shall be confined within the property lines of the recreation use (e.g. Marshall Park property line);

then, the proposal is acceptable.

Thank you for delaying action on this proposal in order to allow the Parks and Recreation Board time to study the proposal and submit these comments. If there are questions or a desire to discuss this in greater detail please feel free to contact me.